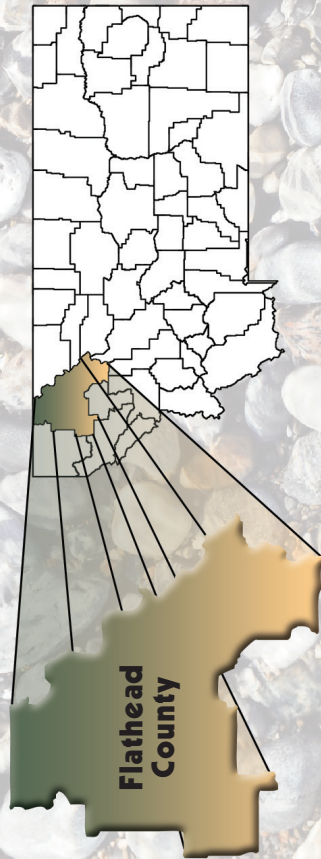




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Demographic & Economic Information for Flathead County



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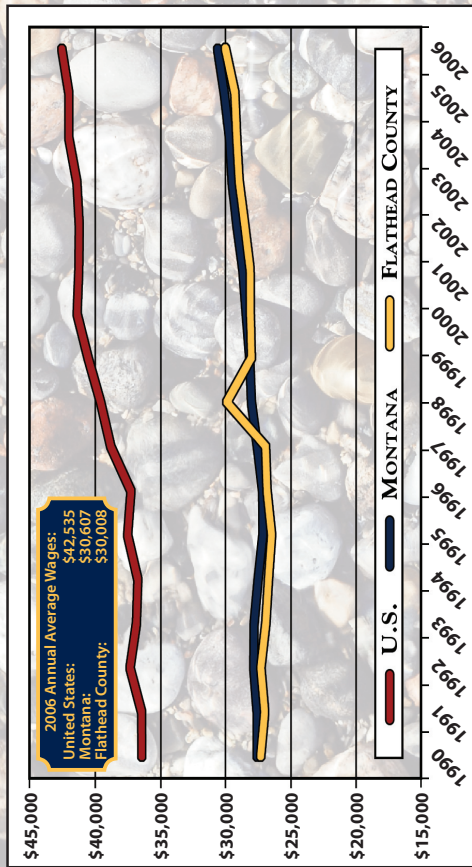
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Annual Average Labor Force - Flathead County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	44,212	42,652	1,560	3.5%
2005	42,511	40,642	1,869	4.4%
2004	41,410	39,243	2,167	5.2%
2003	40,273	38,034	2,239	5.6%
2002	39,895	37,826	2,069	5.2%
2001	40,158	38,051	2,107	5.2%
2000	39,328	37,264	2,064	5.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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FLATHEAD COUNTY

The Flathead Valley is known as one of Montana's tourism hotspots, boasting such attractions as Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake (the largest freshwater lake in the western U.S.), the Bob Marshall Wilderness, the Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort, and the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area. Flathead County is Montana's third most populous county, with an estimated 85,314 residents in 2006. Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city, with a population estimated at 19,432 as of July 1, 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Flathead County include: Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Coram, Evergreen, Hungry Horse, Lakeside, Martin City, Niarada, Somers, and Whitefish.

Flathead County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, with an estimated population increase of 14.6% from 2000 to 2006. It is also home to the three fastest growing cities in Montana: Whitefish (53.5% growth), Kalispell (36.6%), and Columbia Falls (28.3%).

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

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Kalispell Chamber
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Kalispell, Montana 59901
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Lakeside-Somers Chamber
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Lakeside, Montana 59922
(406) 844-3715
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Whitefish Chamber
520 E. 2nd St.
Whitefish, MT 59937
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www.whitefishchamber.org

Economic Development

City of Kalispell Community Development Department
P. O. Box 1997
Kalispell, MT 59903
(406) 758-7740,
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Flathead Regional Business Center
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wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/kalispell/bdskv7/read.html

Flathead Economic Develop. Authority
490 W. Reserve Dr. Suite B, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 257-7711
www.dobusinessinmontana.com

Kalispell Small Business Develop. Center
15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 758-2802
www.kalispellsmallbusiness.com

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
2 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 756-5271
www.score.org/explore_score.html

Newspapers

Bigfork Eagle
P. O. Box 406, Bigfork, MT 59911, (406) 837-5131
www.bigforkeagle.com

Hungry Horse News
P. O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, (406) 892-2151
www.hungryhorsenews.com

The Daily Inter Lake
727 E. Idaho St., Kalispell, MT 59904, (406) 755-7000
www.dailyinterlake.com

Whitefish Pilot
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Job Service Workforce Center
Flathead/Lake County Job Service
P. O. Box 1879, Kalispell, MT 59903
Phone: 406-758-6200
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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	122	688	\$29,642
Air transportation	8	65	\$22,427
Truck transportation	76	334	\$28,638
Transit and ground passenger transport	9	27	\$9,060
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	5	19	\$25,241
Support activities for transportation	14	101	\$33,346
Postal service	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	5	103	\$39,239
Warehousing and storage	2	*	*
INFORMATION	63	649	\$38,297
Publishing industries, except Internet	16	226	\$35,284
Motion picture, sound and recording industry	12	58	\$14,667
Broadcasting, except Internet	6	55	\$34,991
Internet publishing and broadcasting	2	*	*
Telecommunications	19	246	\$45,167
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	9	61	\$48,429
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	198	1,568	\$45,576
Credit intermediation & related activity	81	918	\$41,351
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	33	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	82	553	\$43,717
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	249	748	\$29,417
Real estate	210	482	\$32,983
Rental and leasing services	38	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	392	1,298	\$37,027
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	14	119	\$51,766
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	213	2,582	\$23,111
Administrative and support services	202	2,494	\$22,920
Waste management and remediation service	10	88	\$28,525
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	32	407	\$24,661
Educational services	32	407	\$24,661
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	299	4,475	\$34,835
Ambulatory health care services	211	1,573	\$43,382
Hospitals	3	1,631	\$36,988
Nursing and residential care facilities	20	898	\$24,172
Social assistance	65	373	\$15,084
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	123	1,314	\$14,456
Performing arts and spectator sports	28	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	3	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	93	1,202	\$13,988
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	324	4,773	\$13,502
Accommodation	77	1,328	\$17,865
Food services and drinking places	247	3,445	\$11,821
OTHER SERVICES	310	1,458	\$18,937
Repair and maintenance	103	458	\$27,565
Personal and laundry services	53	264	\$14,217
Membership associations & organizations	117	676	\$14,483
Private households	38	60	\$23,912
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	108	4,464	\$36,326
Local Government	57	3,110	\$33,019
State Government	13	563	\$35,909
Federal Government	38	791	\$49,615

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4273	39,631	\$30,008
TOTAL PRIVATE	4165	35,167	\$29,206
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	88	387	\$43,066
Crop production	18	97	\$43,207
Animal production	8	17	\$56,906
Forestry and logging	49	235	\$45,064
Agriculture & forestry support	13	38	\$24,128
MINING	18	253	\$48,035
Oil and gas extraction	2	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	15	249	\$48,178
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	10	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	916	4,085	\$33,964
Construction of buildings	336	1,180	\$32,222
Heavy and civil engineering construction	64	645	\$43,292
Specialty trade contractors	517	2,260	\$32,209
MANUFACTURING	190	3,470	\$40,700
Food manufacturing	19	214	\$23,182
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	2	*	*
Textile mills	3	*	*
Textile product mills	4	12	\$12,502
Apparel manufacturing	3	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	3	5	\$21,868
Wood product manufacturing	33	1,537	\$43,695
Printing and related support activities	14	105	\$23,436
Chemical manufacturing	7	23	\$20,140
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	4	22	\$22,582
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	7	74	\$31,627
Primary metal manufacturing	6	245	\$44,939
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	35	135	\$33,961
Machinery manufacturing	3	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	5	91	\$35,929
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5	41	\$28,088
Furniture and related product mfg	25	109	\$30,822
Miscellaneous manufacturing	12	23	\$20,904
WHOLESALE TRADE	119	1,019	\$37,983
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	63	506	\$40,310
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30	430	\$33,913
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	26	84	\$44,775
RETAIL TRADE	486	5,679	\$24,491
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	58	694	\$37,237
Furniture and home furnishings stores	45	272	\$28,122
Electronics and appliance stores	30	254	\$24,313
Building material & garden supply stores	62	886	\$28,080
Food and beverage stores	35	946	\$21,057
Health and personal care stores	27	249	\$31,012
Gasoline stations	39	404	\$14,208
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	46	261	\$13,833
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	41	356	\$18,992
General merchandise stores	14	904	\$22,794
Miscellaneous store retailers	76	352	\$21,041
Nonstore retailers	15	99	\$27,554

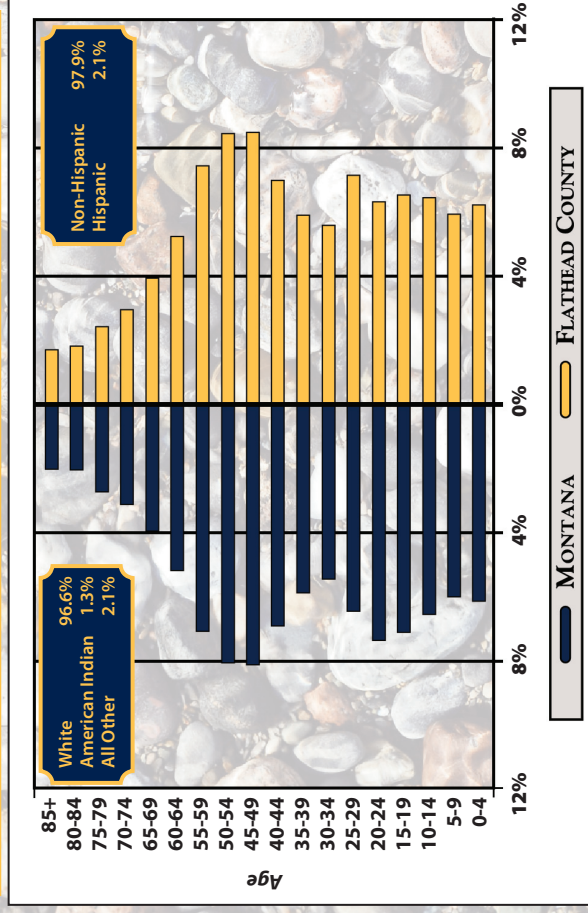
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* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Flathead County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Flathead County	14.6%	85,314	83,079	81,114	79,435	77,449	76,100	74,743	74,471
Columbia Falls city	28.3%	4,676	4,435	4,174	3,956	3,835	3,759	3,674	3,645
Kalispell city	36.6%	19,432	18,509	17,423	16,820	15,999	15,511	15,062	14,223
Whitefish city	53.5%	7,723	7,092	6,738	6,396	6,114	5,860	5,684	5,032
Balance of Flathead Cnty	3.7%	53,483	53,043	52,779	52,263	51,501	50,970	50,323	51,571

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Flathead County, 2006



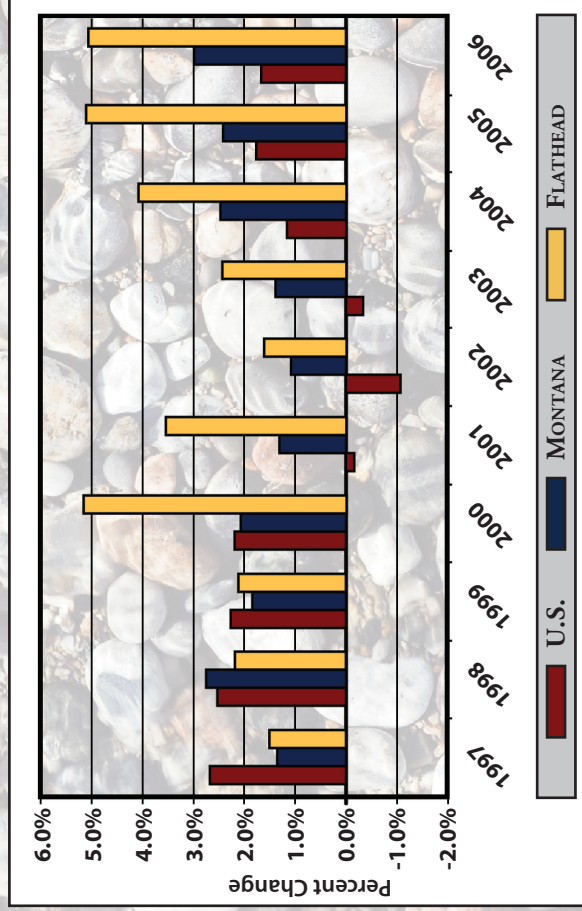
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Flathead County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	30.6%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	27.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	7.0%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	16.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.3%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.4%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Flathead County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Flathead County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Brendan House Skilled Nursing	6	National Flood Services	6
Columbia Falls Aluminum	7	North Valley Hospital	6
Costco	6	Plum Creek Timber	7
Daily Inter Lake	6	Schellinger Construction	6
Flathead Electric	6	Semitool Inc.	8
Glacier Bank	7	Smith's Food & Drug	6
Healthcenter Northwest	6	Super 1 Foods	7
Immanuel Lutheran Home	6	Teletch	7
Kalispell Regional Medical Center	9	Wal-Mart	7
L C Staffing Service	7	Workplace Inc.	8

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees, Class 2 = 5 to 19 employees, Class 1 = 1 to 9 employees.

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Flathead County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	1,075
Land in farms (acres)	234,861
Average size of farms (acres)	218
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	1,030
1,000 acres or more	45
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	1,006
\$100,000 or more	69
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,025
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	50

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	14,831
Hogs and pigs	3,344
Sheep and lambs	599
Horses and ponies	3,432
Bison	786
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1,991
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	23,874
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	22,454
Barley for grain	12,492
Oats for grain	910
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	38,968

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	548
Other	527
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	939
Not on farm operated	136
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	301
10 years or more	774
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	520
55 years and over	555
Average age of operators: (number)	55.9

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002.
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